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Six Thousand Country Churches. By CHARLES OTIS GILL and GIFFORD PINCHOT. New York: Macmillan Co., 1919. Pp. xiv+237. \$2.00.

It would seem from this survey that Ohio in its 1,170 rural townships is suffering from a plethora of churches and a dearth of religion, and that this is lamentably true in the eighteen counties composing the southeast section of the state. Where social decline and degeneracy are most marked, it is the native born of native parentage that are involved and where denominational competition has brought Christianity to a standstill, orgiastic or emotional substitutes, like Holy Rollerism, thrive. The statistical tables, maps, and faithful treatment of detail set a high standard for church surveys and represent the projection on a larger scale of the methods employed by the authors in their former book, *The County Church*.

From the few examples given of federated or community church experiments one may hope that the problem is not insolvable; while perhaps the chief value of the work, which was sponsored by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America through its Commission on Church and Country Life, lies in its impartial exhibit of the zeal and stupidity of denominationalism gone to seed.

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Education through Settlements. By ARNOLD FREEMAN. London: Allen & Unwin, Ltd., 1919. Pp. 63.

Education through Settlements is a pamphlet of sixty-three pages defining education and religion, not in the conventional language of the pedagogue or the preacher.

In the Preface by Arnold S. Rowntree we are introduced to the "Settlement Movement" described in these pages as "peculiarly adapted to present day needs." "It provides," he states, "a method of approach towards the solving of our many problems along the lines of local effort, and seems destined to play a useful part during the next few decades in the 'intellectual and social emancipation of the people.'"

"The virtue of this little book," Mr. Rowntree says, "is that, while informed from actual experience, it is alight with a healthy and